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Debt Burden

3 of a family end lives

- Addiction to online betting, money doubling schemes cause for deaths
- Elder brother took his life yesterday; twin brother, wife follow suit today

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (BLU&KS)- A day after four members of a family were found dead in their Vishveshwaranagar apartment due to severe financial distress, Mysuru woke up to yet another tragedy today — where three members of a family ended their lives over financial troubles. In just two days, seven people have died due to similar reasons in the city.

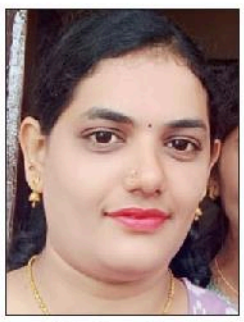
The latest incident stemmed from addiction to online betting and money-doubling schemes, which pushed the victims into debt, leading to the tragic deaths. The deceased have been identified as Joshy Antony, a resident of Vidyanagar, his twin brother Joby Antony and Joby's wife Swathi alias Sharmila, residents of Yaraganahalli.

Joshy was found hanging near Hanchya village yesterday, while the bodies of Joby and Swathi were discovered hanging from a water tank near Vijayanagar playground this morning.

Reports indicate that the trio had accumulated a debt of Rs. 80 lakh. Before taking his own life, Joshy recorded a video blaming his brother Joby and Swathi for cheating his sister Mary Sherlin by taking loans through her.

Joshy Antony

Joby Antony


Swathi alias Sharmila

He has further stated that his sister Sherlin is living without her husband and added that his brother Joby and his wife Swathi should be held responsible for his death and had sent the video to Sherlin.

The money lenders troubled Joshy and his sister Sherlin for money as Joby and his wife Swathi stayed in Sherlin's house a few months ago. Joshy also urged Sherlin to end her life and harm her child, prompting her to file a complaint with Mysuru South Police.

Upon learning of Joshy's death and the video, Joby and Swathi reportedly took their own lives and their bodies were found hanging from a water tank near Vijayanagar playground.

Vijayanagar Police have registered a case, conducted a mahazar and sent the bodies to Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) mortuary for further investigation.

Yesterday, four members of a family were found dead at their apartment in Vishveshwaranagar. The deceased are, G.M. Chethan (46), his wife S. Rupali (42), their son G.C. Kushal (16), and Chethan's mother Priyamvada (65).

MCC sets Feb. 25 deadline for e-Aasthi document corrections

Property owners can access draft e-Aasthi records online

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (BCT)- Property owners within the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) limits can now view and download a draft copy of their e-Aasthi certificate by entering their property details on ***http://aasthikanaja.karnatakasmartcity.in/kmf24/***

MCC Commissioner Shaikh Asif Tanveer announced this in a press note following directions to all Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in the State to provide property owners with Form 2/3 through e-Aasthi software.

Property owners can verify their e-Khata records on the dedicated website and download a draft copy. If any corrections are needed, they must submit the required documents to their respective MCC Zonal Office by Feb. 25 to rectify their records.

ULBs will publish property details on the official website for verification. In case of discrepancies, necessary documents can be submitted to the respective ULBs for corrections.

Additionally, in a relief to property owners whose properties are not legalised amendments are being made to allow the issuance of khatas for unauthorised properties. This move will enable such property owners to pay taxes, obtain e-Khata, and address long-standing issues related to property records, the MCC Commissioner's note said.

Property owners must visit their respective ULB office with documents such as a registered sale deed, current property tax receipt, Encumbrance Certificate (EC) and Aadhaar card. An e-Khata will be issued within seven days of submission.

Helplines will also be set up in Urban Local Bodies for the assistance of the public. The Urban Local Bodies have been asked to inform property owners within their jurisdiction about the Government's initiative and facilitate submission of the necessary documents for the issue of e-khata.

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Death of three convicts in Mysuru Jail

Prison Department Director General orders investigation

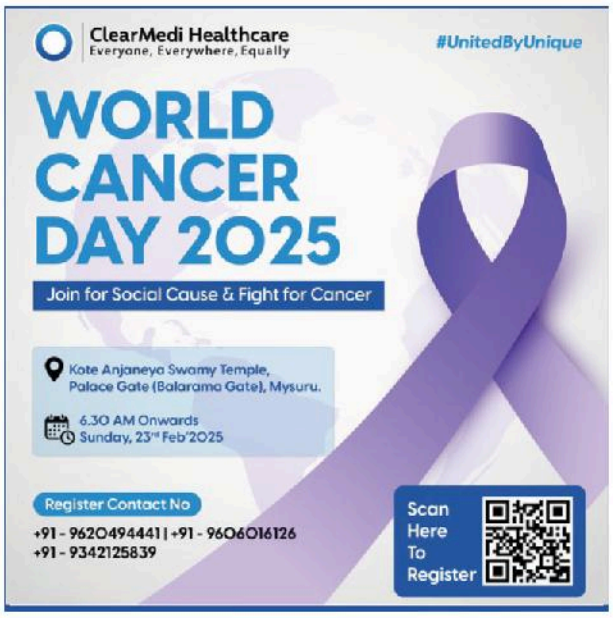
Bengaluru / Mysuru, Feb. 18 (BCT)- The Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services has ordered an inquiry into the recent deaths of three convicts at the Mysuru Central Jail.

The incident occurred on Dec. 26, when the inmates allegedly consumed essence while preparing cakes in the prison bakery unit. The deceased inmates — Nagaraj (36) from Kollegal, Ramesh (28) from Hassan and Madesha (32) from Sathagalli — suffered severe complications after ingesting the chemical.

They were rushed to K.R. Hospital, where they later succumbed. They were reportedly preparing cakes for New Year in jail's bakery unit. On Dec. 24, they consumed the liquid essence, leading to acute stomach pain.

Following the incident, Superintendent of Central Jail, P.S. Ramesh, stated that the bakery unit, run by inmates, has been shut down as a precautionary measure. The decision to reopen the facility will be taken after the completion of investigations.

It may be recalled here that State Human Rights Commission Chairman Dr. T. Sham Bhatt, along with Member S.K. Vantigodi, visited Mysuru Prison to inspect the facility following the deaths and had recommended several remedial measures.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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 18th February 2025

MEWA Centre distributes certificates and prizes

Mysuru, Feb. 18- Syed Basheer Ahmed, CEO, Saher Skill Development Centre, Rajivnagar, Mysuru, distributed certificates and prizes to students who excelled in Urdu and Islamic General Knowledge (GK) at MEWA Centre in Shanthinagar here on Feb.15.

Urdu and Islamic GK contests were conducted by Idara Adbiyat Urdu Hyderabad through Abid Ali Khan Trust, Hyderabad and Mohammad Ebrahim Khan Foundation, Mysuru, respectively.

Syeda Ayesha, CAO, Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, Bengaluru, was the guest of honour. Dr. Ayesha Farheen, Lecturer, APJ Abdul Kalam Residential College, Doddakanya, was the chief guest. Mir Sarfaraz ur Rahman, Barkatunnisa, Ateeq Ahmed, Organiser Nyamathulla Khan, a retired Principal, Abbas Sharief, noted artist, Mohammad Ali and Fazlullah, retired HM, were present. Uzma Sultana, Computer Instructor, compered.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

THE YOGA OF MEDITATION: ***Yoga and meditation — these two seemingly disparate words are dealt with in depth by the Bhagavad Gita in its chapter on meditation, conveying the message that meditation is a conscious, sustained effort at self improvement through rejection of the myriad sensory attractions of the world and focusing the mind on higher philosophical and spiritual pursuits. The Gita makes a distinction between*** *'Kama'* — ***desire and*** *'Spriha'* — ***excessive attachment to the desired object.***

Desire by itself is not harmful. In fact, it is a necessary part of existence which gives purpose to man's life. But excessive attachment or greed is harmful, which drives man to commit acts which he would otherwise not do. This is to be avoided. How is this to be carried out? "The root of desire is the first thought that arises in the mind through the sensory inputs from the sense organs. Slowly, gradually, practice to understand where and how these thoughts arise. Rein in the wavering mind and learn to focus it on the inner divinity in yourself and ignore all other extraneous thoughts. In this manner, try to establish control over your senses through your mind. Then, in course of time, establish control over the mind through the higher faculty of your intellect. You will realise the fleeting nature of the worldly attractions, that material fulfillments alone cannot bring peace of mind and happiness.

As you proceed on this path, your mind gets purified through jettisoning of the unwanted and petty thoughts. The glow of the inner divinity that inheres in you becomes apparent. This bliss, this stillness, this serenity is something indescribable. It is *'Buddhigrahyam, Atindriyam'* — ***transcendental, beyond the intellect's grasp, unlike the transient worldly pleasures. Keeping the mind in this unwavering, still state, like the motionless flame of a lamp in a room where there is no breeze is true*** *'Samadhi,'* ***a state reached by great Yogis. Excessive desires and greed leads to mental stress and agitation. Learn to dissociate your mind from these pulls. You will be repeatedly pulled away from your efforts by the world. Resist this with determination and proceed with your efforts. This effort itself as well as the final state of a calm, unperturbed, equipoised mind is TRUE YOGA.***

Practice this Yoga of meditation with firm resolve and a pure mind. Once you reach this state, you will realise that there is nothing greater than this to be achieved, says the Gita. *—Mirle Karthik in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Plate of peeled bananas left on street corner

Beeston: For more than a year, at the start of every month, the people of Beeston, a town in the United Kingdom, have been finding a plate of peeled bananas in exactly the same place and nobody knows why.

Between the first and second day of each month, a plate stacked with 16 to 20 peeled bananas always shows up on the corner of Abbey Road and Wensor Avenue in Beeston and residents have no idea who is behind the strange custom or its meaning. All everyone can say is that the banks have been appearing in the same spot for more than a year, and despite several signs asking whoever puts them there to stop, it doesn't look like the mysterious fruit is going away anytime soon. Some have speculated that the plate of honey-drizzled bananas has some sort of religious meaning, while others believe that it's just someone feeding the local wildlife, although no animal ever touches them. So far, no one has come up with a real answer to this quirky mystery.

Man forges death certificate for time off from work!

Tampines: A Singaporean man got fined thousands of dollars for forging his grandfather's death certificate so he could get paid leave from his workplace.

29-year-old Barath Gopal was fined $4,000 for forging a relative's death certificate with the intention to commit fraud. In November 2023, while working as a security financing operation analyst, Gopal learned that his then-girlfriend had cheated on him and he was so devastated that he couldn't focus on his job. But instead of applying for one of the several days of annual leave offered by his employer, the Singaporean asked for paid compassionate leave from Nov 8 to Nov 10, claiming that his grandfather in India had died in his sleep. His request was granted, but when his supervisor asked for his grandparent's death certificate, things got complicated.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Recurrent infection in kidney can damage the kidney and leads to deterioration of kidney function leading to kidney failure.

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T. P. - Consultant – Urology and Andrology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Skygazing event at GSSS

Mysuru, Feb. 18- A skygazing event was organised at GSSS Siddarthanagar campus, providing students and staff with a unique opportunity to explore the wonders of the night sky.

The event, supported by the Regional Institute of Education (RIE), Mysuru, saw enthusiastic participation from students, who were allowed to observe celestial bodies up close using telescopes.

According to S.R. Hemalatha, Principal, GSSS High School, the event aimed to foster curiosity and interest in astronomy among students, while promoting a deeper understanding of the universe.

WATER LEVEL

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Yesterday's level **116.36 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,277.06 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,837.00 feet**
Today's Inflow **157 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **74 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **130 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **4,329 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,650 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **100 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *There are about 370 species of parrot in the world.*
- *The average lifespan of parrots is 30 years, which is longer than other similar-sized birds and mammals.*
- *The Kakapo parrot, a flightless bird, can weigh up to 7 pounds.*
- *Parrots use their feet to grasp and hold food and use their beak to eat.*
- *Some species of parrots can easily mimic clear human words. They are omnivorous birds, meaning they eat fruits, nuts, seeds and meat.*
- *Parrots tend to stay together with their patterns for their entire lives. However, they may separate if one partner dies or is unable to produce young chicks.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Tomy, "Please turn off the TV. That lady announcer's voice is horrible," shouted Mama from the kitchen. Little Tomy, ran into the kitchen and whispered, "Mama, it isn't the TV, it is Mrs. Jones, our neighbour, who has come to see you!"

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 86.94
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 109.51
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 23.67
1 Euro	= Rs. 90.91

VOICE OF THE READER

Cultural history of Kodagu recalled through its town names

Sir,

Hearty congratulations to C.P. Belliappa for enlightening us with a highly informative and also humorous article ***'How towns in Kodagu got their names'*** in *Star of Mysore* dated Feb. 17.

His lighter vein style of writing enriches the pleasure of knowing about the rich cultural history of Kodagu through how its towns got their names.

The natural beauty of Kodagu will be of much less importance without the narration of the valour and rich culture of this Karnataka's crown. It is the people of Kodagu, with their very distinct cultural ethos, that has given this land its glory and grandeur.

Of course, River Cauvery raises from here and acquires the name of Southern Ganga. However, the way people of Kodagu have adopted and culturally internalised River Cauvery is also an exceptional trait, unique to them.

Thanks to *Star of Mysore* for bringing out such a beautiful article on Kodagu and also to C.P. Belliappa.

—R. Chandra Prakash
Mysuru
18.2.2025

G. Venkatesh is MRC Chairman

G. Venkatesh

Mysuru, Feb. 18- G. Venkatesh has been unanimously elected as the Chairman and Senior Steward of the Mysore Race Club (MRC) Ltd., for the year 2024-25 until the conclusion of the next Annual General Body Meeting (AGM), according to a press release from the MRC Secretary and CEO.

K.N. Suresh Kumar had resigned as MRC Chairman on Feb. 13 after the MRC Managing Committee's decision to move a no confidence motion against him for allegedly favouring Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Golf Club (JWGC) to construct golf huts in violation of the law. Following his resignation, Venkatesh was appointed as the Acting Chairman.

After long stay at Bylakuppe, Dalai Lama leaves for Dharamshala from Hunsur

Kushalnagar, Feb. 18 (AG & BCT)- Tibetan spiritual leader His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, who arrived at Tashi Lhunpo Monastery in Bylakuppe Tibetan Settlement, Mysuru district, on Jan. 5 for an extended stay, left for Dharamshala from Hunsur this morning.

During his stay, the Dalai Lama held a series of blessing sessions in Bylakuppe, meeting various leaders. On Feb. 16, he arrived at Gyudmed Monastery in Hunsur, where he remained until Feb. 17. At the monastery, he attended a long-life prayer ceremony offered to him by Gyudmed Tantric University and Monastery in Hunsur Rabgyaling Tibetan Settlement. Today at 7 am, he departed from Hunsur and is scheduled to fly to Delhi from Mysuru. Tomorrow, he will travel from Delhi to Dharamshala, returning to his Thekchen Choeling residence in McLeod Ganj, Himachal Pradesh.

Selected for 'Janapada Kala Ratna' Award

N. Ankaraju

Mysuru, Feb. 18- Janapada Kalavidara Okkuta, Mysuru Division, has organised the State-level 'Janapada Kala Ratna' Award presentation ceremony at Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Bhavan in JSS Hospital premises in city on Feb. 20 at 10 am.

International folk artiste, theatre artiste and director N. Ankaraju from Chamarajanagar, who has been serving folk and theatre fields for the past 10 years, has been selected for the Award.

He had also taken part in the International folk dance competition. Ankaraju is working as an Assistant Librarian, Department of Library and Information Centre, GSSS Simha Subbamahalakshmi First Grade College (GSSS SSFGC), Mysuru.

Maddikere Gopal, President, Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru district, Gangadhar, State President, Akhila Karnataka Vokkaligara Sangha and Dr. S. Basavarajappa will present the award on Feb. 20, according to a press release.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to enter into a Joint Development Agreement with **Shri. A. Narayan Rao,** son of Late M R A Rao, residing at No. 257, 1st Cross, 10th Main, Defence Colony, HAL 2nd Stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru-570038 ("Owner") for development of the property mentioned in the Schedule hereunder and referred to as "Schedule Property". The Owner represents and warrants that he is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property and that he has neither conveyed nor have entered into any Agreement of sale/ General Power of Attorney/Joint Development Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding nor have entered into any sort of arrangement with any person/s for sale/transfer/development/assignment of developmental rights with respect to the Schedule Property and further represent that, he has not encumbered, mortgaged, created any charge or lien on the Schedule Property in any manner and apart from him, there are no other person/s, firm or company having any sort of right, title or claim over the Schedule Property. Any person/s having objection/s or claim/s shall with documentary evidence, lodge their objection(s)/claim(s) **within Ten (10) days** from the date of publication of this Notice with the Undersigned failing which, my client shall proceed with the above-mentioned transaction.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Workshop

The Department of Psychology, Christ College, Mysuru, has organised a one-day National-level Workshop on 'Psychology of Sleep - Unlocking Secrets' at the College premises in Srirampura tomorrow (Feb. 19) from 9.30 am. Dr. Ravi Yadav, Professor of Neurology, NIMHANS, Diplomat of World Sleep Society, will be the chief guest. Rev. Fr. Augustine Paimpallil CMI, Provincial, St. Paul's Province, President STES, Mysuru, will preside. Rev. Fr. Jinto Jose, Principal, will be present.

Sarvajna Jayanti

As part of Sarvajna Jayanti, Mysuru District Kumbarara Jagruti Vedike will be offering floral tribute to the portrait of the Saint Poet and distribute sweets at Agrahara Circle at 9 am tomorrow (Feb. 19). Also, 'Sarvajna Ratna' title will be conferred on the achievers.

Kidney screening

Suyog Hospital, Ramakrishnanagar, will be conducting a Kidney Screening Camp at its premises till Feb. 21. A 30% discount will be provided on examinations suggested by the specialists. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2533600 or Mob: 99863-99862.

No power supply on Feb. 19, 20

Owing to emergency maintenance works at South Power Distribution Centre (Mahadevapura route), there will be no power supply tomorrow between 10 am and 6 pm at Mahadevapura, Shivapura, Ramabainagar, Parasayyanahundi, Gururu, Muniswaminagar, Srirampura and surrounding areas.

As Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) has taken up its 4th quarterly maintenance works at Maradihundi and Ayarahalli Power Distribution Centres, there will be no power supply on Feb. 20 between 10 am and 5 pm at Tummanerale and Hosakote villages and Gram Panchayat (GP) limits; Hadinaru, Moodahalli, Mallarajanahundi and GP limits, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineers, VV Mohalla and Nanjangud Divisions.

Ph.D awardee

Lingaraju has been awarded Ph.D degree in Philosophy by the University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis titled 'Bhoudhadharmavannu Kurithu Dr. S. Radhakrishnanravara Vishleshane' under the guidance of Dr. H.L. Chandrashekara.

Recurring KSRTC bus accidents raise public safety concerns

Mysuru Rural Division identifies 35 accident-prone drivers out of 2,700 drivers and driver-cum-conductors

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (SBD&DM)- Frequent accidents involving KSRTC buses have sparked growing concern among commuters and the general public, raising serious questions about passenger safety.

The latest incident occurred in K.R. Pet taluk of Mandya district, where a KSRTC bus crashed into a roadside tree near Kundanahalli Gate on the K.R. Pet-Hemagiri Road. Over 35 passengers, including school students and daily commuters, were seriously injured. The severity of the crash was evident from the extensive damage to the front portion of the bus.

This accident is part of a troubling pattern. In a recent tragedy in Tinthani, Surapur taluk (Yadgir district), five members of a family, including three children, were killed when a KSRTC bus collided with their motorbike. Similarly, two motorcyclists died on the spot after being hit by a KSRTC bus near Nonavinakere in Tiptur taluk.

Earlier this year, more than 30 passengers were injured when a KSRTC bus overturned near Rudrakshipura in Maddur taluk. Another accident on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway saw a bus roll into a roadside ditch after crashing into the service road near Ragimuddanahalli toll, leaving seven passengers injured.

These recurring incidents have raised questions about the factors contributing to the accidents. KSRTC authorities have long debated solutions to reduce accidents and ensure passenger safety.

Inexperienced drivers

Key concerns include the hiring of inexperienced drivers through outsourcing agencies and inadequate bus maintenance. The introduction of the 'Shakti' scheme, which offers free travel for women, has further strained resources, according to critics.

The Government has also faced criticism for prioritising timely salary payments and staff allowances over proper bus maintenance, which many believe has contributed to the raise in accidents.

However, KSRTC officials deny that the 'Shakti' scheme is a major factor, arguing that it has increased revenue for State-run Transport Corporations by boosting ridership. They also refute claims of insufficient funds for spare parts and accessories.

Regarding driver negligence, officials point out that the driver in the recent K.R. Pet accident was a permanent employee, not an outsourced worker.

Buses in good condition

KSRTC Mysuru Rural Division Divisional Controller (DC) Srinivas emphasised that buses in the Division are well-maintained and in good condition. He noted that 85 new buses were added this year and all buses older than 10 years undergo reconditioning to ensure roadworthiness.

Srinivas also revealed that the Division has identified 35 accident-prone drivers out of 2,700 drivers and driver-cum-conductors. These drivers will receive specialised training at the Malavalli Driver Training Centre. Drivers responsible for fatal accidents face suspension, withheld increments and even termination.

However, Srinivas added that negligence by other motorists and two-wheeler riders also contributes to accidents, highlighting the need for broader road safety measures.

Miscreants siphon off Rs. 19 lakh from two Bank accounts

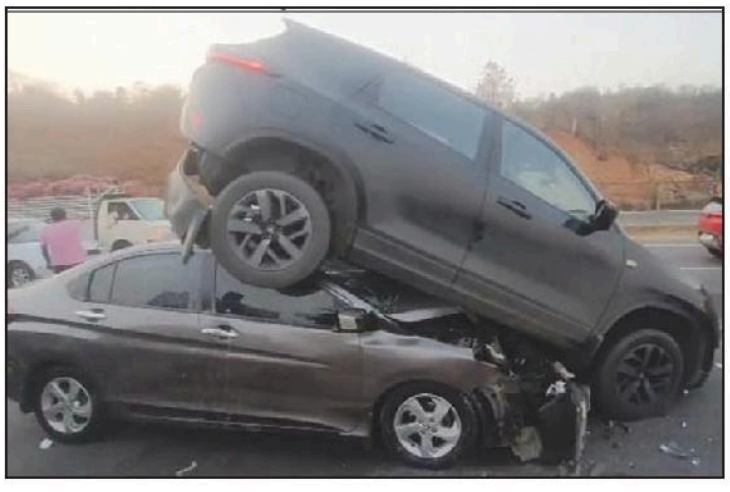
Mysuru, Feb. 18 (SBD&KS)- A total of Rs. 19.30 lakh has been siphoned off from two Bank accounts of a 57-year-old man in city without his knowledge and a case has been registered at city's CEN Police Station.

The victim is Nagaraj (name changed), a resident of Srirampura in city.

In his complaint, Nagaraj has stated that Rs. 17 lakh and Rs. 2.30 lakh were illegally transferred from his two Bank accounts on Feb. 11.

While online fraudsters, luring people by promising huge profits for their investments and later vanishing with the money has put many people in financial problems, now, money getting transferred from Bank accounts without the knowledge of the account holder has shocked the public.

Car lands atop another car on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway



Channapatna, Feb. 18 (KS)- A car landed atop another car after ramming into it from behind on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway near Kanva Gate at Channapatna on Sunday (Feb. 16). Luckily, no injuries or loss of life has been reported.

It is said that Pourakarmikas, after barricading the Highway near Channapatna's Kanva Gate, were cleaning the road, when a car slowed down on seeing the barricades while passing through it. Meanwhile, the driver of another car, which was coming behind, did not notice the barricades and also the car ahead of it and rammed into it from behind and climbed atop the car which resembled a scene from a movie shooting.

Luckily, none of the occupants of both cars were injured.

Channapatna Police have registered a case.

Injured snake rescued, operated and released

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (MTY&KS)- A spectacled cobra snake, which had sustained serious injuries when an earth excavating machine was removing mud, was rescued by a snake rescuer, who rushed the injured reptile to a Veterinarian, got it treated and has later released the snake into its natural habitat.

It is learnt that the excavator was removing mud from an agri field on the outskirts of Varakodu village in the taluk, when the snake got stuck to the machine resulting in serious injuries to its body.

Snake rescuer Nitish of Varakodu village, who rushed to the spot, rescued the snake and rushed it to Veterinarian Dr. Yashwanth Kumar on Dr. Rajkumar Road in city, where the Vet put 24 stitches to the snake and treated it.

After the snake recovered, Nitish released it into its natural habitat.

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BENEFITS FOR MSMEs THAT BENEFIT THE NATION

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Improved credit guarantees:

- Micro and Small Enterprises: From ₹5 crore to ₹10 crore.
- Startups: From ₹10 crore to ₹20 crore.
- Well-run exporter MSMEs: Up to ₹20 crore.

Credit cards with a limit of ₹5 lakh for micro-enterprises registered on the Udyam portal.

Dedicated scheme for the leather and footwear industry, aimed at creating 22 lakh jobs and achieving a turnover of ₹4 lakh crore. Imports of Wet Blue leather fully exempt from Basic Custom Duty. Crust leather exports freed from 20% duty.

Loans up to ₹2 Cr over the next 5 years for 5 lakh women, SC, and ST first-time entrepreneurs.

Exemption of capital goods extended to add 63 new capital goods to boost domestic manufacture of lithium-ion batteries (mobile phones and electric vehicles).

Basic Custom Duty fully exempted on cobalt powder and waste, scrap of lithium-ion battery, lead, zinc, and 12 more critical minerals.

Unified platform, 'BharatTradeNet' (BTN), set up to simplify trade documentation and financing, reducing non-tariff barriers and facilitating smoother international transactions.

Benefits now available for startups incorporated before 1 April 2030.

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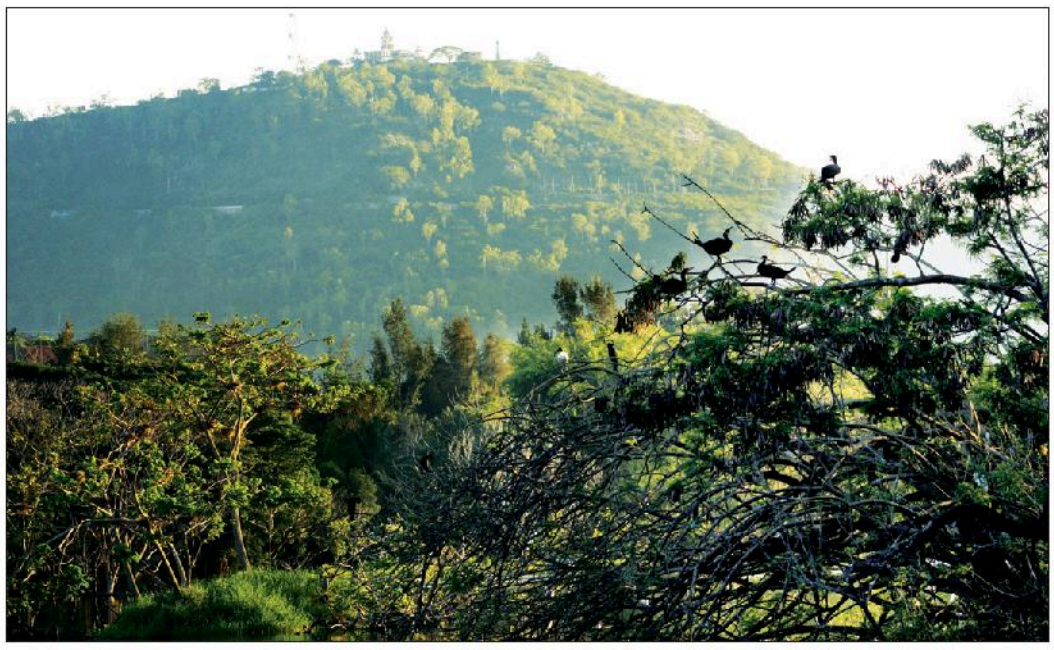
Suggestions to Conserve Chamundi Hill Ecosystem

A Ropeway would reduce vehicle movement to the Hilltop and the Chamundi Hill Temple

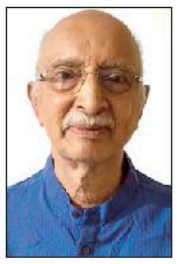


A view of the Chamundi Hill. [Pic. courtesy: M.K. Saptha Girish]

By Dr. Kodira A. Kushalapa
IFS (Retd.)

- **No more land should be released for non-forestry purposes**
- **A Ropeway would reduce vehicle movement to the Hilltop and the Chamundi Hill Temple**
- **City industrial corporates must join hands and form a Trust using CSR funds to implement approved activities including enlarging the green area.**
- **Establish a separate Range Forest Office for Chamundi Hill.**

We, the citizens of Mysuru are fortunate to have a large area of Reserve Forest (RF) within the city limits, with a variety of plants, trees and grasses, absorbing carbon dioxide, releasing oxygen, providing shelter to many birds, animals and even fish in down-stream lakes. The temperature will also be 3-5 degree centigrade lesser compared to adjoining city area.



Dr. K.A. Kushalapa

A small area on the top has been declared as **notified area,** where unplanned, haphazard construction of numerous buildings including school, guest house, residences, dining hall, vehicle parking, shops etc., have resulted in the accumulation and dumping of waste, short supply of water, degrading of the natural forests around and the demand for more lands on top in the name of development.

Under Forest Conservation Act-1980, no forest areas can be released without the prior permission of Government of India, for non-forestry purposes. This implies that no more land on top would be made available for any non-forestry purposes.

The development plan of Chamundi Hill should take into account all the above issues and restrict the plan to basic minimum and essential requirement.

There should not be any guest houses and other facilities to stay on the hill overnight. The number of vehicles going up should be restricted enforcing only bus journeys from below, by parking their vehicles in the parking lot.

A well-planned Ropeway would reduce the vehicle movements, provided its objectives are clear and established, not for a joy-ride but to help and reduce traffic movement and congestion. People might have seen in Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur etc., where the cable cars are moving above the tall evergreen forests without any backup roads along the Ropeway.

What is actually required is to grow more suitable trees, preferably by removing exotic Eucalyptus, protection and conservation of soil and plant bio-diversity. **Why not all the corporates enjoying the facilities in this beautiful city join, form a Trust, plan and implement approved activities, using their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds, thereby supporting the Government in the protection of our environment.**

The fresh DPR (Detailed Project Report) has been submitted to the Government and this requires thorough analysis of various activities by an expert committee. About 90% of the area is under the Forest Department and managed by an approved 'Working Plan.'

A separate Range Forest Office should be established to manage this valuable ecosystem rarely found elsewhere within the city limits. Record indicates that first "Tree Planting" was done in 1924!

Protect and Conserve Our Precious Chamundi Hill Ecosystem !

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CM to present his 16th State Budget on Mar. 7

Bengaluru, Feb. 18 (KMS& BS)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has assured that the forthcoming State Budget will not burden the common man, with key considerations focused on alleviating the impact of inflation.

Siddaramaiah, who also holds the Finance portfolio, confirmed that the Budget session will begin on March 3, with the Budget for the fiscal year 2025-26 to be presented on March 7. The size of his 16th Budget is expected to be over Rs. 4 lakh crore.

"I acknowledge the strain caused by inflation, but the Central Government bears greater responsibility for addressing the issue than the State. However, we won't remain idle and will make efforts to mitigate inflation's effects, which will be reflected in the Budget," he said.

Siddaramaiah further mentioned that, despite suffering from knee pain, he has held a series of pre-Budget meetings, including discussions with farmer organisations to gather their input on agriculture, which will receive due priority in the Budget.

The Budget session will mark the first sitting of the State Legislature for the year, with the Governor addressing the joint session. This will be followed by a three-day discussion on the Governor's address and the reading of the Budget by CM Siddaramaiah on March 7, with replies to queries on the Budget thereafter.

Addressing farmers' concerns, Siddaramaiah emphasised that agriculture-related jobs remain a major source of livelihood for many and their grievances will be prioritised.

"Coming from an agriculturist family myself, I have always advocated for farmers' welfare and am committed to addressing their demands. During preliminary Budget discussions, I have received representations from various farmers' associations and assured them that the Government is dedicated to safeguard their interests," he stated.

CM braves knee pain; chairs Budget meetings in wheelchair

Bengaluru, Feb. 18 (BCT)- Despite a knee injury that has kept him confined to his official residence since Feb. 2, CM Siddaramaiah has been holding a series of Budgetary meetings at his Home Office, 'Krishna,' and his official residence 'Cauvery' in Bengaluru.

Yesterday, he arrived at Vidhana Soudha, where a special steel wheelchair ramp with railings was installed to allow him access to his chambers and meeting rooms. The ramp leads from one of the building's entrances to a lift. Today too, Siddaramaiah held several pre-Budget meetings ahead of his 16th Budget on March 7.

Siddaramaiah attended Invest Karnataka 2025 last Tuesday. Although he arrived in a wheelchair, he stood to deliver his speech, lit the lamp, and launched the revamped single-window system.

His resilience earned a light-hearted comment from the chief guest, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who remarked, "In politics, keeping your legs safe is very important. You must be mindful because you will find stumbling blocks everywhere."

The audience laughed, with Siddaramaiah smiling despite his discomfort. Singh also wished him a swift recovery. Despite his injury, Siddaramaiah remained present throughout the event, engaging with industry leaders.

Fire erupts near Bamboo Bazar Railway track

Un-extinguished cigarette, carelessly thrown on dry leaves resulted in a fire close to the Railway track near Bamboo Bazar in city this noon. As soon as the fire began to spread from the bottom, alert Railway staff, using hand-held fire extinguishers doused the fire and prevented it from spreading further. But the fire had destroyed a few pipes belonging to the Railway Department. Later, Fire and Emergency Services personnel, who reached the spot along with a fire extinguishing vehicle, sprayed water on the flames and doused it completely.

NAKSHA to create geospatial records for urban properties launched in city

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (BLU&BS)- Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda inaugurated **NA**tional geospatial **K**nowledge-based land **S**urvey of urban **HA**bitations (NAKSHA), the process of creating geospatial records for urban properties, undertaken by the Union Ministry of Rural Development and Department of Land Resources in association with Revenue Department, Department of Survey, Settlement and Land Records and the Department of Municipal Administration, in the city this morning.

The project was inaugurated in the presence of MLCs C.N. Manjegowda and K. Vivekananda and officials, at a programme organised at Rangamandira behind Ganapathy temple in Bogadi.

It was a part of the pilot project, set for launch by Union Minister of Rural Development, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, in 152 Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) across 26 States including Karnataka and three Union Territories, at Raisen, in his home State Madhya Pradesh.

The inauguration included drone demonstrations, the launch of a Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) booklet, a programme video and a flyer on the NAKSHA initiative.

The event also witnessed flagging off of the Watershed Development Component (WDC) Yatra, the screening of a WDC video and the playing of the Watershed Anthem.

About NAKSHA Project

NAKSHA aims to modernise urban land records through geospatial technology. Funded by the Centre at an estimated cost of Rs. 194 crore, it is designed to create and update accurate documentation of land ownership, helping resolve land disputes, streamline property records and enhance urban planning.

How it works

NAKSHA integrates cutting-edge geospatial technologies with land record management. The Survey of India, serving as the technical partner, shall be conducting aerial surveys and provide ortho rectified imagery through third-party vendors. These images will be utilised by State Governments for field surveys and ground verification, eventually to finalise urban and semi-urban land records.

An end-to-end web-GIS platform is developed by Madhya Pradesh State Electronics Development Corporation to manage land data efficiently. The National Informatics Centre Services Inc. will provide secure data storage facilities.

Importance of NAKSHA

The project aims to provide clarity on ownership and property rights, reduce land-related conflicts, improve ease of living for urban residents, enhance transparency in land administration and facilitate sustainable urban development through accurate land mapping.

The project is in line with Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme (DILRMP), in operation since 2016-17 and is set to continue until March 2026. DILRMP aims to digitise land records and registration processes, minimising fraudulent transactions and ownership disputes.

Tahsildar K.M. Mahesh Kumar, Deputy Directors of Survey, Settlement and Land Records G. Seemanthini and K. Ramya, Assistant Directors of Survey, Settlement and Land Records M.G. Chikkanna, Manjunath and Venkatesh and Superintendents M.B. Nagesh and Chandrashekar were present.

Udayagiri stone-pelting incident

Accused who had posted offensive photo on social media granted bail

Udayagiri Police Station Sub-Inspector transferred

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (KS&BCT))- Satish alias Panduranga, who has been accused of uploading an offensive photo on social media, triggering a mob attack on Udayagiri Police Station, was granted bail by the 2nd Additional Civil Court yesterday. Advocate H.M. Bhaskar represented him in court.

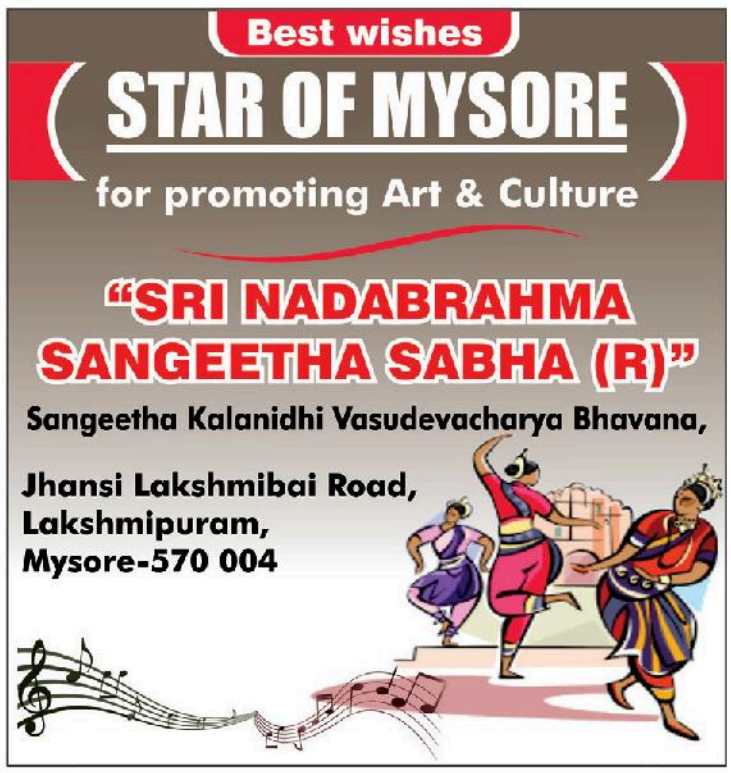
On Feb. 10, after the offensive post surfaced, a large crowd gathered in front of the Udayagiri Police Station, demanding Satish's arrest.

However, the Udayagiri Police had already registered a *suo moto* case and took him into custody. The City Police shared details of the arrest on their official Facebook page.

However, the protesters clashed verbally with the Police, attempting to storm the Police Station. Some pelted stones, prompting senior officers, including City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, DCP (Law and Order) M. Muthuraju and DCP (Crime and Traffic) S. Jahnavi, to intervene swiftly.

Meanwhile, Sub-Inspector Rupesh of Udayagiri Police Station has been transferred to the Automation Centre at the City Police Commissioner's Office.

City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar ordered the transfer following allegations of negligence. Rupesh had reportedly brought Satish to the Police Station over his objectionable post but failed to take action for an entire day. This delay led to rising tensions and ultimately, the unrest, sources said.



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WALK-IN-INTERVIEW FOR THE POST OF JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOW

A Walk-in-Interview will be held on 06/03/2025 at Central Sericultural Research and Training Institute, Srirampura, Mysuru - 570 008 as shown below:

'A' 03 (Three) Junior Research Fellow (JRF) purely on contract basis under CSB approved Project "Studies on the factors responsible for non-spinning in mulberry silkworm"(Project Code: SPR01046MIC, Component 1, 2 & 3), purely on contract basis for a period Up to September 2027 or completion of project whichever is earlier under CSB Terms and Conditions.

Qualifications for Junior Research Fellow (JRF): M.Sc. degree in Biochemistry/Microbiology/Zoology/Sericulture/Bio-Technology with 60% marks (55% for SC/ST candidates). Walk-in-Interview will be held on 06/03/2025, time 10:30 AM (candidates should reach the venue by 9:30 AM for verification of documents, other recruitment procedures).

Interested can also visit our website www.csrtimys.res.in, https://csb.gov.in/ for details.

Sd/- Director, CSR & TI,Mysuru

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A3/S&P/ARC-NS-Medicines/2025-2026 17th February, 2025

Director, CSIR-CFTRI, Mysore invites bids from reputed Stokiest / Distributors / Suppliers for supply of Medicines to CFTRI Health Centre under Annual Rate Contract (2025-26). Interested Bidders may visit our **website : www.cftri.res.in** for detailed Tender Documents. Terms & Conditions and download the same free of cost.

Last date for submission of Tender is up to 2.30pm (IST) on 06th March, 2025.
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Thandya, Hebbal notified as Special Investment Regions

Industrial zones will now come under Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB)

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (BCT)- In a significant boost to industrial investment and economic growth in the Mysuru region, the State Government has officially notified Mysuru-Thandya and Mysuru-Hebbal as Special Investment Regions.

This long-awaited decision fulfils the demands of industrialists and is expected to accelerate infrastructure development in these key industrial zones. With this notification, the industries in Mysuru, can expect a relief from multiplicity of taxation to different local bodies.

The concept of an industrial township for Mysuru dates back to 1988, when the first consultative meeting of the Mysuru Industrial Township Authority was held under the Chairmanship of the then Director of Industrial Development, Aravind Jadhav.

Following extensive discussions in both Houses of the Legislature, the Karnataka Municipal Corporations (KMC) Act was amended in 2003, enabling the establishment of the Industrial Township Authority.

On Feb. 10, 2025, the Department of Commerce and Industry issued the official notification, a result of years of lobbying and persistent efforts. The notification was issued by Deputy Secretary C.V. Haridasan *(see box for details)*.

Allegations of misuse of tax revenue

Until now, industries in these regions have been paying surcharges to local authorities. However, industrialists allege that these funds have not been utilised for infrastructure development in industrial areas and rather, the local bodies have used the funds for other purposes.

For instance, the Hebbal Industrial Area alone contributes an estimated Rs. 70 crore annually to the former Hootagalli Town Panchayat (now upgraded to Hootagalli City Municipal Council), yet industrialists claim there has been no visible development.

They say that basic infrastructure like roads are pathetic and it is a daily nightmare to travel on them.

Shift to a unified payment system

With the creation of the Special Investment Region, these industrial zones will now fall under the jurisdiction of the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB), eliminating the need to pay surcharges to local bodies.

The KIADB will act as a single window agency which will issue the necessary clearances with proportionate level of services like civic amenities, roads, water, street lights etc.

Suresh Kumar Jain

Suresh Kumar Jain, General Secretary of the Mysuru Industries Association (MIA), welcomed the notification but pointed out that existing industrial layouts in Mysuru and Nanjangud had merely been rebranded as Special Investment Regions without any substantial benefits, unlike Special Economic Zones (SEZs).

"The notification of the Hebbal and Thandya Special Investment Regions fulfils a long-standing demand of MIA. The notification includes only two representatives from Industries whereas the rest will be from the Government. However, it is crucial that only industrial representatives manage the Industrial Township Authority," he stated.

He further cautioned that while the announcement may create an impression of large-scale industrial expansion, the reality is that there is little land available for new investors. "If the notification of a Special Investment Region suggests a drastic transformation of the industrial landscape, that is not the case," he added.

Mysuru-Thandya Special Investment Region

The Mysuru-Thandya Special Investment Region will cover 3,198.21 acres, spanning Adakanahalli, Kochanahalli, Kadakola, Immavu, Thandya 2nd Phase 1st Stage, Thandya 2nd Phase, Women's Entrepreneurs Park (Phase 1 and Phase 2), Single Unit Complex and the proposed Film City in Nanjangud Industrial Area.

The breakdown of land covered includes:

- 584.24 acres in various survey numbers of Adakanahalli and Immavu villages.
- 235.22 acres in the Kochanahalli Industrial Area.
- 755.26 acres in the Kadakola Industrial Area and select survey numbers in Immavu.
- 68.04 acres in Thandya 2nd Phase, 1st Stage Industrial Area in Tandavapura.
- 646.04 acres in Adakanahalli and Tandavapura.
- 48.03 acres in Women's Entrepreneurs Park Phase 1 in Tandavapura.
- 68.26 acres in Women's Entrepreneurs Park Phase 2 in Tandavapura.
- 539.30 acres in various survey numbers of Immavu, Adakanahalli and Thoremavu villages.
- 108 acres for the proposed Immavu Film City Single Unit Complex.

Mysuru-Hebbal Special Investment Region

The Mysuru-Hebbal Special Investment Region spans 3,799.19 acres across Hebbal, Hootagalli, Belavadi, Belagola, Koorgalli, Hebbal 2nd Phase and Single Unit Complex Areas in Mysuru and Srirangapatna taluks.

The breakdown of land covered includes:

- 520 acres in the Metagalli Industrial Area of Belagola.
- 274.33 acres in the Belavadi Industrial Area (Belavadi and Yelwal).
- 1,603 acres in the Hebbal Industrial Area (Hebbal and Hinkal).
- 426 acres in the Hootagalli and Koorgalli Industrial Areas.
- 472 acres in the Koorgalli Industrial Area.
- 350.16 acres in the BEML region.
- 153 acres in the Anaganahalli Industrial Area, Srirangapatna taluk (Mandya district).

TEASER

By N. Prakash

Kuruburu Shanthakumar airlifted to Bengaluru Hospital from Punjab

Bengaluru, Feb. 18- Karnataka's farmer leader Kuruburu Shanthakumar, who was being treated at a hospital in Punjab, after he sustained serious injuries in a car accident near Patiala, was airlifted to a Bengaluru hospital on Sunday.

Shanthakumar, who sustained injuries in a car accident, was rushed to a hospital in Patiala on Friday when the car in which he was travelling crashed into a road divider near Patiala in Punjab. But following the intervention of CM Siddaramaiah and Union Minister of State for Railways V. Somanna, Shanthakumar was airlifted in an air ambulance to Manipal Hospital in Bengaluru on Sunday, where he is undergoing higher treatment, it is learnt.

RC orders transfer of 45 cases to Kodagu DC's Court

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (RK&DM)- The Regional Commissioner (RC) of the Mysuru Revenue Division has directed the transfer of 45 cases under Section 136(3) of the Karnataka Revenue Act to the Court of the Kodagu Deputy Commissioner (DC).

The order, issued on Feb. 14, follows an appeal by the President of Mysore Bar Association and aligns with an earlier directive from the Mysuru DC (Order No: Mysdc-/RPMS/35/2025 E -712059).

Mysore Bar Association had raised concerns that continuing hearings in the Mysuru DC's Court could compromise fair and impartial justice for the parties involved.

Upon review, the Regional Commissioner identified lapses in the orders issued by the Assistant Commissioner's Court in Mysuru regarding these 45 cases.

Consequently, the cases have been transferred to the Kodagu DC's Court for further hearings and disposal.

WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

TODAY'S MATCH
FEB. 18

GUJARAT GIANTS Vs MUMBAI INDIANS

GG Vs **MI**
BCA Stadium, Vadodara
7.30 pm

TOMORROW'S MATCH
FEB. 19

UP WARRIORZ Vs DELHI CAPITALS

UP Warriorz Vs **DC**
BCA Stadium, Vadodara
7.30 pm

YESTERDAY'S RESULT

Delhi Capitals 141 (19.3 overs) lost to **RCB** 146/2 (16.2 overs)

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Chamundi Hill... Birders' Paradise

Indian Golden Oriole

Red Avadavat

Blue-capped Rock-Thrush

Brahminy Kite

Brown Shrike

By M.K. Saptha Girish
Naturalist, Aranya Outreach

Mysuru, renowned as a wildlife hub, is encircled by forests in all directions within an 85-km radius. True to this, Mysuru is also an important bird area, with over 300 bird species recorded in and around the city by the Mysore Nature Group.

Key birding hotspots in Mysuru include Kukkarahalli Lake, Karanji Lake, Lingambudhi Lake, Thipayyanakere and, notably, Chamundi Hill.

Chamundi Hill, an isolated range of seven hillocks, is one of Mysuru's most prominent landmarks. Visible from all corners of the city, it consists of grey and pink granite, believed to be the youngest rock formation in the region, formed due to volcanic activity around 0.8 billion years ago.

Once barren with sparse vegetation, the Hill has transformed over time, thanks to plantations and naturally growing deciduous trees. Today, it supports tropical deciduous thorn-scrub vegetation and is protected as the Chamundi Hill Reserve Forest under the Forest Department.

Indian Pitta

Currently, this forest is home to 193 bird species, based on 30 years of data compiled by the Mysore Nature Group. Among them, 135 species are resident birds, including the Red Avadavat, Purple Sunbird and Brahminy Kite.

The area also hosts globally near-threatened aquatic species like the Painted Stork, Spot-Billed Pelican, and Black-Headed Ibis.

Chamundi Hill serves as a strategic vantage point for observing migratory, roosting and breeding birds that frequent lakes such as Kukkarahalli, Lingambudhi, Karanji, Dalavoy and Shettihalli, located 2-6 km away.

Darters, Pelicans, Painted Storks and Ducks occasionally rest in the foothill water bodies surrounding the hill. Some migratory species recorded here are rarely found elsewhere in Mysuru taluk.

During winter, rare migratory birds from the Western Ghats, the Himalayas and beyond visit the hill. Notable species traveling from the Himalayas to escape harsh winters include the Blue-Capped Rock-Thrush, Indian Blue Robin and Asian Brown Flycatcher.

Meanwhile, birds like the Indian Pitta, Indian Golden Oriole, Orange-Headed Thrush and Black Eagle arrive from the Western Ghats. Others, such as the Brown Shrike, Rosy Starling and Common Sandpiper, migrate from Northern Asia and Mongolia to South Asia, including India.

However, some birds previously recorded here, like the Yellow-Throated Bulbul and Indian White-Backed Vulture, are now absent, highlighting the impact of environmental changes and unscientific development on Chamundi Hill.

With urban expansion encroaching on green spaces, pockets like Chamundi Hill serve as crucial refuges for Mysuru's dwindling birdlife and biodiversity. Preserving these areas in their natural state and ensuring ecologically sensitive development is essential to maintaining the ecological balance of our historic city, Mysuru ■

WORD OF THE DAY

Non Sequitur

Pronunciation: NAHN-SEK-wuh-ter (Noun)

Meaning: A non sequitur is a statement that either does not logically follow from, or is not clearly related to, what was previously said.

Origin: Non sequitur comes directly from Latin, in which language it means "it does not follow." Although the Latin non sequitur can constitute a phrase or even a complete sentence, in English non sequitur is a noun, and thus it follows that the plural of non sequitur is non sequiturs. Borrowed into English in the 16th century by logicians, non sequitur initially referred to a conclusion that did not follow the statements preceding it. The meaning has now broadened to include statements that are seemingly unrelated to the topic at hand, or that seem to come out of the blue. So if you ever forget the definition of non sequitur, just remember: a penny saved is a penny earned.

Example:"Late on Saturday, as members of Congress scrambled to strike a deal for legislation that would raise the nation's debt ceiling, they agreed to a total non sequitur in the text they would release the next day. After a series of late-in-the-game interventions by lobbyists and energy executives, the draft bill declared the construction and operation of a natural gas pipeline to be 'required in the national interest.' It wasn't really germane to the debt ceiling, at least not in the literal sense." — Jonathan Mingle, The New York Times, 1 June 2023.

THE ODD WORD

Samhainophobia

Fear of Halloween.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Backseat Driver

Meaning: A Backseat Driver is someone who gives unwanted and unneeded advice, and sometimes also criticism. A Backseat Driver usually interferes in affairs without having the authority and knowledge to do so.

Origin: The term 'Backseat driver' (sometimes also spelled 'back seat driver') originated in the United States in the early 1920s. This happened as transportation via automobiles became more common, and wealthy people started using a private chauffeur who sat in the driving seat and got the directions from the person in the back seat. The first recorded figurative use of the term was in the 1921 December edition of the Bismarck Tribune: "A backseat driver is the pest who sits on the rear cushions of a motor car and tells the driver what to do..."

Example: "Daisy is such a backseat driver, she needs to stop interfering — no one asked for her advice."

QUOTE BOX

There are many ways of going forward, but only one way of standing still.

— Franklin D. Roosevelt

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Like there is no tomorrow.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Nutty or crazy
5 Rips apart
10 Displaced person
13 Hollywood award
14 Those who accept without objection
15 The loft of a house
16 Produced electricity, heat etc.
18 Black bird
19 Monetary unit of Bulgaria
20 Elementary particle
24 Satellite Data Unit
27 Announce
29 One-tenth of a Roman legion
32 Gridlock (3-3)
33 Spanish chaperon
35 A person's leg
36 Frees or relieves from
37 Give a negative review
39 Have _ __ at : essay or attempt? (1,2)
42 Giant sea monster
45 Curriculum ____ :resume
49 Soothe or calm
50 Avoid
51 Snuggles, shelters or settles down comfortably
52 High male voice
53 Ex-India paceman Yohannan

DOWN

1 Man (informal)
2 Antiquing liquid
3 Having reverted to the wild state
4 Examined or tried
5 Frog-like creature
6 Superlative suffix
7 Part of a play
8 Bollywood's Aishwarya __ Bachchan
9 Sys. and Research Centre
10 Musical form in Hindustani classical music
11 "Been" anagram for Swiss watch manufacturers?
12 Ended
17 Daredevil Knievel
20 A seaweed
21 Shah Jahan's great mausoleum? (3,5)
22 Pray for us - ___ pro nobis ?
23 Member, in short
25 Oxford group?
26 Large vase
28 Part of toothed wheel
29 Commander, in short ?
30 Alsace assent
31 Record
34 A learned person
38 Japanese-American
40 Something thrown down as a challenge
41 Singles
42 Sly look
43 Org.
44 Ballet skirt
45 Pug physician
46 I have, poetically speaking
47 Convert raw hide into leather
48 Fuss, bother

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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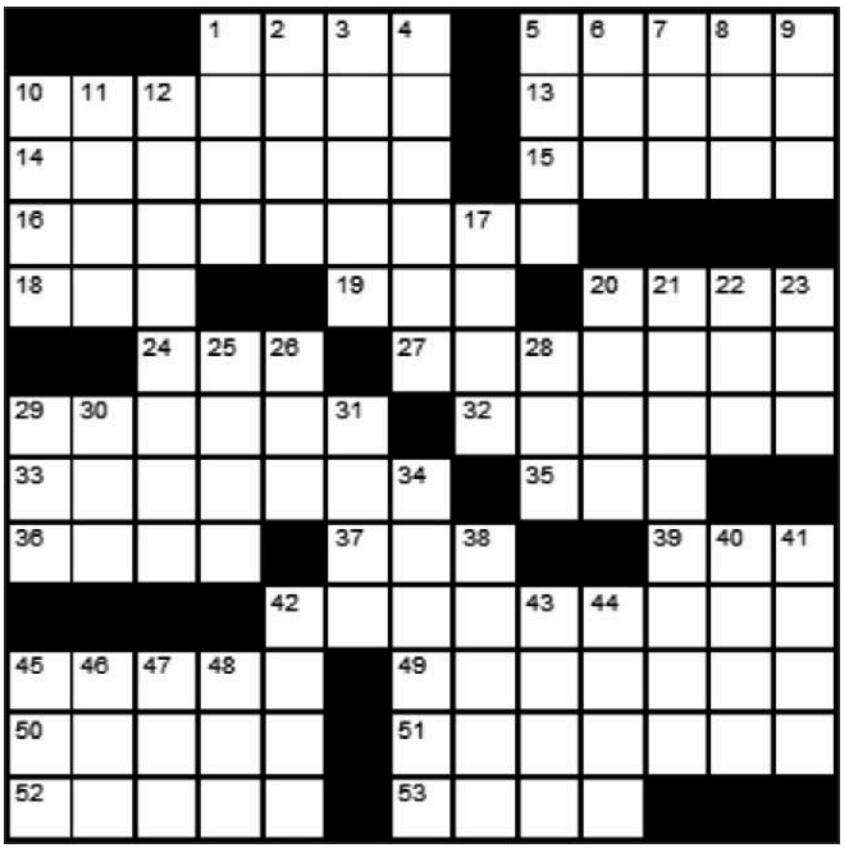

SUDOKU

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9	8						4	1
	6		3		1		5	
	4			5			2	
5				2				9
	7			3			1	
	2		9		4		3	
8	3						9	2
		5				6		

Answer to previous puzzle

9	6	1	5	2	8	7	4	3
7	3	4	9	6	1	8	2	5
2	8	5	3	4	7	1	9	6
1	7	9	2	5	4	3	6	8
5	2	6	7	8	3	9	1	4
3	4	8	6	1	9	2	5	7
8	1	2	4	7	5	6	3	9
6	5	3	8	9	2	4	7	1
4	9	7	1	3	6	5	8	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

KND OBCPG XBY GFDEH KBPEX GNBYVP RD GBJK ETP

KDTPDC. . . JBC KBSBCCBO XBY SEX NEWD KB DEK KNDS

TODAY'S CLUE: Y EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The essence of intelligence is skill in extracting meaning from everyday experience.

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Captain America: Brave New World (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.45 am, 1.20 pm 7.20 pm ,10 pm
	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Chhaava (H)	(S-1)	4 pm
	(S-4)	1 pm, 7 pm, 10.15 pm
Raju James Bond (K)	(S-2)	10.30 am
Nodidavaru Enanthare (K)	(S-2)	1.10 pm
Vidaamuyarchi (Ta)	(S-2)	4 pm
Laila (Te)	(S-2)	7.10 pm
Bromance (Ma)	(S-2)	10 pm
Sidlingu 2 (K)	(S-3)	10 am, 10.05 pm
Bhuvanam Gaganam (K)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
Painkili (Ma)	(S-3)	7.10 pm
Daveed (Ma)	(S-4)	10.05 am
Brahma Anandam (Te)	(S-4)	4.10 pm

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Bhuvanam Gaganam (K)	(S-1)	10.40 am, 4.10 pm
Nodidavaru Enanthare (K)	(S-1)	1.35 pm
Painkili (Ma)	(S-1)	7.05 pm
Otha Votu Muthaiya (Ta)	(S-1)	9.45 pm
Sidlingu 2 (K)	(S-2)	10.50 am, 6.50 pm
Forest (K)	(S-2)	1.40 pm
Raju James Bond (K)	(S-2)	4.25 pm
Bromance (Ma)	(S-2)	9.40 pm
Chhaava (H)	(S-3)	11 am , 4.15 pm; (S-4) 6.40, 9.40
Captain America: Brave New World (E-3D)	(S-3)	2 pm, 7.15 pm, 9.30 pm
	(S-4)	10.45 am
Namma Preethiya Ramu (K)	(S-4)	1 pm, 3.50 pm

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Bhuvanam Gaganam (K)	:	10.05 am, 3.55 pm
Sanam Teri Kasam (H)	:	10.05 am, 1.05 pm, 7.05 pm
Captain America: Brave New World (E-3D)	:	10.30 am, 1.20 pm, 4.30 pm 7.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Bromance (Ma)	:	12.15 pm, 6.50 pm
Painkili (Ma)	:	1.15 pm, 10 pm
Raju James Bond (K)	:	1.15 pm
Orange (Te)	:	3.10 pm
Nimitta Matra (K)	:	4.10 pm
Laila (Te)	:	4.15 pm, 10.15 pm
Jab We Met (H)	:	6.25 pm
Daveed (Ma)	:	9.45 pm
Choo Mantar (K)	:	10.10 pm

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Chhaava (H)	:	9 am, 12.15 pm, 3.35 pm 6.55 pm, 10.15 pm
Sanam Teri Kasam (H)	:	9.45 am, 10 pm
Captain America: Brave New World (E-3D)	:	10.25 am, 1.05 pm 6.50 pm, 9.30 pm
Laila (Te)	:	10.25 am, 1.15 pm, 7.10 pm
Namma Preethiya Ramu (K)	:	12.55 pm
Thandel (Te)	:	3.45 pm
Forest (K)	:	4.05 pm
Sidlingu 2 (K)	:	4.05 pm
Raju James Bond (K)	:	7.05 pm
Bhuvanam Gaganam (K)	:	9.45 pm

Abhivruddhi presents Silk India

Mysuru, Feb. 18- Abhivruddhi will present Silk India-2025, a grand display and sale of silk, cotton and other varieties of sarees, at Hotel Southern Star on Vinoba Road in city from Feb. 20 to 25 between 10 am and 8 pm.

India is the number one producer of silk in the world for which there is a huge demand both in the national and international markets. Different varieties of silk are reared based on climatic and geographic conditions of which only four prominent ones are Tasar, Eri, Mulberry and Muga. Tasar and Muga are wild varieties of silk cultivated by silk worms fed on organically grown trees. Bihar, Assam and Chattisgarh are the three States where Tasar and Muga are produced.

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EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 18)

- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** Gandhi Shilp Bazaar, expo-cum-sale of handicrafts and handloom products, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Haridasa Sangeeta Sahityotsava Samiti:** Ganasiri-Vedanta Lahari-12 programme, 'Rukminisha Vijaya Saptaha,' written by Sri Vadiraja Gurusarvabhowma, vocal concerts by Vidu. Pragna Rao of Bengaluru, **5 pm;** Discourse on 'Rukminisha Vijaya' by renowned scholar and Dewan of Sri Vysaraja Mutt Sri Bramhanyacharya, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah Abhimanigala Balaga:** Felicitation to MLC Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah, MLA Anil Chikkamadu & MP Sunil Bose, MLA K. Harishgowda presides, Hotel Bypass Coastal Pearl, Bogadi-Hinkal Ring Road, **5 pm.**
- **Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit:** Vachana Vaachana and Lecture, Dr. H.B. Bettaswamy, Assistant Professor, BGS B.Ed College, Mysuru, inaugurates, Vachana Vaachana by hostel students, certificates distribution by H.G. Guruprasad, President, Sahukar Kabballi Channabasappanavara Veerashaiva Ashram, M.G. Sadanandaiah, President, Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit, presides, Sahukar Kabballi Channabasappanavara Veerashaiva Ashram, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Sanchalana Mysuru, Mysuru and Mysore Medical College & Research Institute (MMC&RI):** Staging of play 'Chama Cheluve' by Hrudayaranga - a theatre troupe of medical students, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 19)

- **Sri Shivaji Maharaj Jayantotsava Samiti, District Administration and Kannada and Culture Department:** Chhatrapati Shivaji Jayanti celebrations, grand procession from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple premises at Palace North Gate to Kalamandira - Stage programme, Sri Prabhananda Pawar Swamiji graces the occasion, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurates, MP Yaduveer Wadiyar special guest, Prof. Kavitha Rai of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) main speaker, **9.30 am.**
- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** Gandhi Shilp Bazaar, exhibition-cum-sale of handicrafts and handloom products, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **10.30 am to 9 pm.**
- **Haridasa Sangeeta Sahityotsava Samiti:** Ganasiri-Vedanta Lahari-12, vocal concerts by Vid. Ramesh Kulkarni of Kalaburagi, **5 pm;** Discourse on 'Rukminisha Vijaya' by renowned scholar and Dewan of Sri Vysaraja Mutt Sri Bramhanyacharya, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 8.30 pm.**

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Captain America: Brave New World (E-3D)	:	9.50 am 10.30 pm
Captain America: Brave New World (E-2D)	:	1.45 pm, 7.20 pm
Laila (Te)	:	10 am, 7.20 pm
Sanam Teri Kasam (H)	:	10.35 am, 12.50 pm, 4.10 pm 7.10 pm, 10.20 pm
Bhuvanam Gaganam (K)	:	1 pm
Vidaamuyarchi (Ta)	:	4 pm
Daveed (Ma)	:	4.25 pm
Sidlingu 2 (K)	:	10.10 pm

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Sanam Teri Kasam (H)	:	9.35 am, 3.50 pm, 4.40 pm, 7.10 pm
Captain America: Brave New World (E-3D)	:	10 am, 12.40 pm 7.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Chhaava (H)	:	10 am, 1.20 pm, 3.20 pm 6.40 pm, 10 pm
Justice (K)	:	11 am
Sidlingu 2 (K)	:	12.45 pm
Nimitta Matra (K)	:	1.40 pm
Laila (Te)	:	4.20 pm, 10.20 pm
Bhuvanam Gaganam (K)	:	7 pm
Bromance (Ma)	:	10.10 pm

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